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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON NEW CHINESE PROPOSAL

REF: PEKING 1981; PEKING 1798

DURING COURSE OF INITIAL COURTESY CALL BY MR. BUSH NOVEMBER 15, SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO PEKING VASILYIY TOLSTIKOV CHARACTERIZED CHINESE NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE AS NOTHING MORE THAN A PROPAGANDA VEHICLE. HE CLAIMED THE MESSAGE CONTAINED NO NEW PROPOSALS WHICH HAD NOT ALREADY BEEN ADVANCED BY THE SOVIET SIDE AND SAID THAT WRAPPING THEM UP NOW IN A SINGLE PACKAGE WAS A MOVE DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY TO ENHANCE THEIR PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPACT. HE CITED FACT THAT CHINESE MEDIA HAVE NOT CARRIED STORY AS INDICATION NEW MESSAGE WAS NOT SERIOUSLY INTENDED EXCEPT TO MAKE HEADLINES IN THE FOREIGN PRESS. HE FLATLY REJECTED THE SUGGESTION THAT THE CHINESE MESSAGE MIGHT INDICATE AN INCREASED DESIRE FOR PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. ALL HE THOUGHT IT COULD BE SAID TO DEMONSTRATE WAS THAT CHINESE DID NOT WANT TALKS TO BREAK DOWN JUST NOW. HE CONTINUED THAT IF THE CHINESE WANT PROGRESS, THEY SHOULD INSTRUCT THEIR NEGOTIATORS TO TAKE UP EACH POINT INDIVIDUALLY AND IN A SERIOUS FASHION AND THEY WOULD SEE THAT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE.

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